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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- MAY 28

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1. BILATERAL. POLITICAL OBSERVER YURIY ZHUKOV WRITES IN PRAVDA THAT STOCKHOLM APPEAL TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN 1950 "GAVE REBUFF TO AND TIED THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO WERE ALREADY PLANNING TO REPEAT THE OMINOUS EXPERIENCE OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI". ZHUKOV POINTS TO OTHER ALLEGED AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THAT PAST WHICH MAKE NECESSARY "UNTIRING VIGILANCE" EVEN NOW. HE NOTES PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL AREA, BUT SAYS "NEW MOBILIZATION OF THE FORCES OF FIGHTERS FOR PEACE" NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT COMPREHENSIVE UNDERGROUND TEST BAN, WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, ETC. IZVESTIYA'S LEAD EDITORIAL REPORTS WORLD REACTION TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S RECENT "APPEAL TO PEOPLES, PARLIAMENTS, AND GOVERNMENTS", CONTENDING THAT "JUDGING FROM ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS ASCRIBED TO THE APPEAL IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS." THE CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT WITHOUT COMMENT ON THE PRESENCE IN THE USSR OF THE U.S. GOVERNORS' DELEGATION. PRAVDA REPORTS A "MASS DEMONSTRATION" ORGANIZED BY THE DAILY WORLD IN NEW YORK TO CELEBRATE "LIBERATION" OF VIETNAM. SAME PAPER REPORTS ON BOLSHOI THEATRE APPEARANCE IN U.S., CONCLUDES "SOVIET BALLET HAS MANY FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES". IN A LENGTHY INTERVIEW IN LITERARY GAZETTE IN WHICH U.S. IS PROMINENTLY MENTIONED, GOSPLAN HEAD INOZEMTSEV REJECTS WESTERN PRESS ASSERTIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION "NEEDS" WESTERN "AID" TO DEVELOP ECONOMY, THOUGH HE SAYS HE "IS NOT INCLINED TO BILITTLE" BENEFITS OF COOPERATION WITH WESTERN INDUSTRIAL STATES (SEPTEL).

2. NATO. IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY IN RED STAR, YU. KHARLANOV CASTIGATES NATO COUNTRIES FOR INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING, WHICH HE CONTENTS WILL BE UP BY 17 PERCENT IN 1975. KHARLANOV SAYS THAT REDUCES DEFENSE SPENDING IN NATO IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY TO ASSURE SECURITY OF THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES, BUT ALSO TO SALVAGE THEIR SAGGING ECONOMIES.

3. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA'S EDUARD KOVALEV COMMENTS FROM LISBON THAT PORTUGUESE PROGRESSIVE FORCES ARE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT COALITION NOT BE SUBVERTED BY DEMAGOGIC ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL PARTIES IN THE COALITION. KOVALEV QUOTES LOCAL PRESS (SECULU -- PHONETIC) THAT SITUATION NOW CREATED IN WHICH SOCIALIST PARTY COULD BE

USED BY "FORECS OF REACTION". HE CONCLUDES THAT MAIN TASK BEFORE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IS TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO AVOID DIVISION IN THEIR RANKS. ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS THAT NATO HAS BEGUN NAVAL MANEUVERS OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL. REPORTS SAY THAT "LEADING CIRCLES IN NATO" DO NOT DISGUISE AIM TO EXERT PRESSURE ON PORTUGAL. ALL CENTRAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS EC DECISION IN DUBLIN TO AID PORTUGUESE ECONOMY, BUT NOTES THAT AID IS TO BE GIVEN ONLY UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO EC INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THAT STATE.

4. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA CARRIES THREE REPORTS ON THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT. PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT OREKHOV CHARACTERIZES RESIGNATION OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AS A "SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS" FOR "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" AND PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE, CITING BEIRUT PRESS OPINION, TO THE PALESTINIAN-PHALANGIST CRISIS. A SEPARATE TASS STORY REPORTING A MEETING OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP CHAIRED BY ARAFAT CITES JUMBLATT THAT PHALANGIST ACTIONS ARE HELPING TO REALIZE THE PLANS OF IMPERIALISM AND ISRAEL. A THIRD TASS PIECE REPORTS FURTHER ISRAELI "PROVOCATIONS" IN SOUTH LEBANON.

5. VIETNAM. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES A REPLY CABLE FROM THE PRG LEADERS THANKING THE SOVIET LEADERS FOR THEIR CONGRATULATIONS ON THE "VICTORY" IN SOUTH VIETNAM OVER "U.S. AGGRESSION". THE MESSAGE CLAIMS THAT IT WAS A "GENERAL VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA, THE PEOPLES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" AND OTHER PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE. THE MESSAGE THANKS MOSCOW FOR ITS CONSISTENT SUPPORT AND AID. PRAVDA REPORTS THE PRG APPEAL TO THE UN HIGH COMMISSION ON REFUGEES TO ALLOW THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO WISH TO DO SO

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TO RETURN TO VIETNAM AND TO INSIST ON THE RETURN OF CHILDREN WHO WERE "FORECIBLY" REMOVED BY THE U.S. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPLAY THE PRG CALL TO THE U.S. TO RETURN THE ANCIENT VIETNAMESE ART OBJECTS FROM GUAM.

6. THAILAND. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY A HARSH TASS ITEM FROM BANGKOK BLAMING THE RECENT ANTI-VIETNAMESE DISTURBANCES IN NORTHEAST THAILAND ON THE CIA AND ON CHINESE TRADERS WHO, ACCORDING TO TASS, HAVE LINKS TO PEKING. THE CIA CHARGE IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE THAI DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE BANGKOK NEWSPAPER "THE NATION".

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